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Office Action Summary

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/890,126	MCCORMACK ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Russell M Kobert	2829	

-- Th MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-21, 24 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22, 23 and 25-32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 1002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. A good example of such a title, although not necessarily related to this specific case, could be *"Method and Apparatus for Passive Optical Characterization of Semiconductor Substrates Subjected to High Energy (MEV) Ion Implantation Using High-Injection Surface Photovoltage."*

2. Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 33 recites the limitation "the mains cables" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

3. Applicant is advised that should claim 19 be found allowable, claim 24 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 19, 21 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yauch et al (3626291).

Yauch et al anticipates (Figure 2) a current probe for measuring current in a conductor or an electrical energy meter including sensing means comprising:

A plurality of relatively fixed coils (25, 26) which define, and are substantially equally spaced apart along, a notational closed path surrounding the conductor (17), the coils being connected in series in such manner that an unobstructed gap (space between mating caps 61; see Figure 4) is left between one pair of adjacent coils to enable the conductor (17) to be introduced inside the closed path; as recited in claims 19 and 24.

As to claim 21, having the closed path in a circular shape is shown in Figure 2, formed by coil 22.

6. Claims 19, 21 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Rich (2345430); (see Figures 7 and 8).

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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8. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

9. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yauch et al (3626291) as applied to claim 19 above, and further in view of Baudart (5442280).

As to claim 20, Baudart shows the use of Rogowski coils in a current measuring device.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the Apparatuses of Baudart with that of Yauch et al to make the claimed invention because a coil of this kind, having perfect axial symmetry, is relatively insensitive to temperature variations thereby improving stability in current measurement. Moreover, both Baudart and Yauch et al show circular coil structures that are used to measure current in a conductor that passes through a central portion of the circular pattern.

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10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 22, 23 and 25-32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to claim 22, the added limitation of having the coils arranged in two concentric loops of coils has not been found.

As to claim 25, the added limitation of having an insulating housing for securing two main cables having a conductive core surrounded by a sheath of insulating material wherein the housing further includes respective electrical contact means for piercing the insulating sheath of each cable to make contact with the core has not been found.

It is further noted that the examiner's reasons are understood to be predicated upon consideration of each of the claims as a whole, and not upon any specific elements of the claims.

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Baurand et al (4709205), Fernandes (4799005), Haug et al (5012218) and Wakatsuki et al show current or energy or power measurement devices having a coil or coils geometrically positioned about an electrical conductor.

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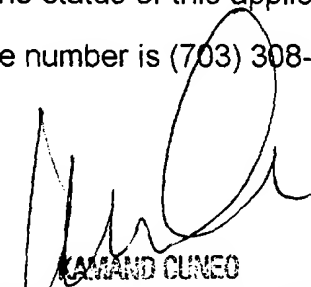
12. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s) from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell Kobert whose telephone number is (703) 308-5222.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



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